>**Title:** Demand to assess the damages caused to the Mullaperiyar Dam due to earthquake.

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to associate myself with what Shri Varakala Radhakrishnan has stated just now about the earthquake that had occurred in Kerala last week.

MR. SPEAKER: You have also given your notice late, at 10.06 a.m.

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Sir, I am sorry for that.

Sir, a team consisting of only two members had visited Kerala from the Centre. I would appeal to the Central Government to send a high level team comprising of experts to visit the area. The rumblings and after-shocks are still continuing. My constituency, Idukki district is the most affected area in this earthquake and people are living in fear, because there are about 14 dams and reservoirs in that area.

Shri Varkala Radhkrishnan had pointed out about Mullaperiyar Dam which had developed cracks. It is 104 years old. So, the Central Government should immediately send a team of experts to examine the safety of the dam. Though no lives were lost in the earthquake, people have lost their dwellings, in the sense that damages have occurred to their house. So, the Central team should also assess the damages caused to them.

That has to be compensated. The Central Government should take note of this.

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA (PONNANI): My notice is also there, Sir. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 2 p.m.

1330 hours

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till

Fourteen of the Clock.